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RESPONSE TO CLAIM RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2002 requiring restriction of inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121, applicant hereby elects, with traverse, to prosecute Group I, claims 1-34.

The restriction requirement is traversed because it is believed that all of the claimed inventions are sufficiently related to each other to be examined in one patent application.

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